FRONT AND CENTRE

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The Unnecessary Farce Team!

When audiences exit a theatre telling you it was so funny they almost peed their pants or it was the best one we've ever done, you know it was executed brilliantly!

The cast worked so hard and meshed their characters so well it was fantastic to see.

A farce play with eight doors is not easy to pull off but thanks to a great director and the ability to have the set up well before going into the theatre, everyone was able to perfect their lines and timing. You're a tough act to follow, people!

Thanks to Debbie, Chris, Rob, Emily, Chelsey, Brady and Peter, under the direction of Randy and Lynn, for entertaining us all so well!

The Hanover Lions Club once again supported us with our show cookies and water. We appreciate them so much. Volunteer ushers and 50/50 draw sellers, under the direction of Marlene Dietz proved how much volunteers mean to a community group. Linda in Box Office, with the help of treasurer Bricklin, the backstage crew—Lynn, Pat on costumes and set painters and props crew—Sherri and Marg, with Karen at lights and Sam at sound, rounded out the production crew. A big thank you to all of them.

We also want to express gratitude to the cast and volunteers who worked diligently to strike and move the set, giving up their after show party (we did do a viewing party later) to the lockup. It was hard work for sure but we did not have enough volunteers to create a moving crew, unfortunately.

Donation to Bruce Grey Mentorship

Thanks to our audiences for helping to support this very important organization. A total of $1,287.00 has been donated on your behalf.

WODL Festival—May 14-17, 2026

HCP hosted their first major festival over this weekend with three amateur theatre groups coming to the Hanover Civic Theatre to showcase their productions on the stage for the adjudicator. The theatre group would arrive at 7:30 in the morning, create their set, lighting, sound; they had one rehearsal before performing in front of an audience in the evening!

The theatre groups, Goderich, Kincardine and Woodstock, presented widely different shows and it was a delight to see them. If you didn't attend you missed wonderful productions.

On Sunday a brunch was held at the Carriage House where everyone dined and then saw the out-of-festival winner presentations The adjudicator spoke about the shows and announced specific awards. Finally came the Festival winner—Goderich Little Theatre with their 2 person production of ***Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks***.

Bricklin Perkins and her team created a wonderful festival. It has proven to be the highest money-maker for WODL and the attendees were saying they want to come back, they enjoyed themselves so much!

We are grateful to all who worked so hard on making this such a fantastic event for HCP and Hanover!



L- Goderich Little Theatre and awards

We Need Volunteers All Year—Lock-up Floor

HCP doesn't stop during the summer! These gentlemen volunteered one hot Saturday in June to help finish the floor in our main rehearsal space.



This allowed us to move costumes into a different storage area.

A big HCP shout-out to them

HCP doesn't stop during the summer cont'd!
Pat and Lynn sorted costumes while Marg and Lynn sorted and catalogued props. The result was our Garage Sale held at the lock-up. Thank you to all who attended to help us out with their cash donations for items and to Pat, Lynn, Rebekah, Stephen and Linda who manned the area. Usable items left were donated



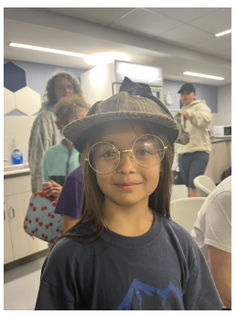


Lynn, who headed things up

Some Satisfied Customers!

Drama Camp
Our third drama camp in conjunction with Hanover Parks and Recreation, ran the second week of August. Bricklin was Camp Director with Rebekah as Play Director. Chris, Stephen, Marg and Pat rounded out the staff with Ada as Leader-in-Training.
Campers learned how to audition for a play, played games, tie-dyed t-shirts, painted sets, worked with props and costumes and rehearsed their lines. On the Friday they presented their production to parents/guardians, grandparents and friends to loud applause. Well-done everyone!
Next year's camp will offer spaces for those 7-9 and 10-13. We would like to also have some Leaders-in-Training.

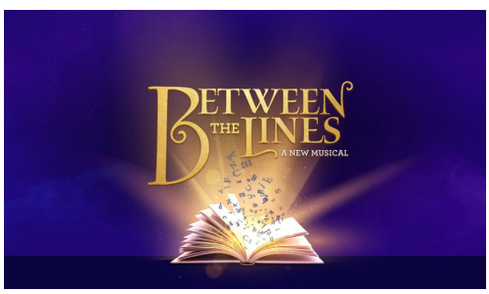




Look for information when the Summer P & R booklet comes out.



Between the Lines—the musical
We have a talented cast in place who are diligently rehearsing for our fall musical.



Between the Lines is a coming-of-age musical about Delilah, a lonely, bullied teenager dealing with her parents' divorce.

Based upon a young adult novel by best-selling author Jodi Picoult and her daughter Samantha van Leer, Delilah escapes reality by obsessing over a fairy tale book. When the book's prince, Oliver, miraculously talks back, they form a bond to help each other escape their respective worlds

Elyse Ireland and Eddy Legault head up a cast of 16 youth and adults in this wonderful tale. The musical is directed by Sam Los with Stage Manager Randy Corfield. Pat Brunner is Costume Head.

Opening Night is Nov. 27th at 7:00 p.m. Additional shows: Nov. 28th, 29th, and Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th 2026.

Upcoming Auditions
Winterlude II We're presenting two short comedy plays from our first ever show in 2007 to celebrate our 20th Anniversary: ***Riverview: Tape 23***, directed by Brady Alisauskas, and ***When God Comes For Breakfast, You Don't Burn the Toast***, directed by Rebekah Walker. Each play requires 3 actors. This is a fantastic chance for anyone who has ever wanted to act in a play. Remember, you don't need to have experience to audition!

Clue, On Stage
We'll be auditioning for the spring play on October 18th or 19th at 6:30 p.m. 2026.



Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, ***Clue*** is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery.

The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu.
When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects.
Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up.

Clue is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out…WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!
9 principal characters with an ensemble.

Check out **Upcoming Auditions** on our website.

Mark the Date:

AGM is Tues. Feb. 16, 2027, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the P & H Centre.

We need volunteers! You don't have to be on the board—you can be committee members; we need help in all areas as we cannot continue to do this by ourselves.